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1. DRS. KAMIN AND BROWN HAVE COMPLETED THEIR EXAMINATION OF PRESIDENT LON NOL. DR. KAMIN'S SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FOLLOWS; AS NOTED, HE WILL DO A FULL REPORT ON OR ABOUT AUGUST.

2. PERIODIC EXAMINATION 23-25 JULY OF 61 YEAR-OLD MARSHAL LON NOL REVEALED COMPLAINTS OF: (A) INCREASED WEAKNESS OF LEFT SIDE FOR ONE MONTH; AND (B) RIGHT LOWER ABDOMINAL DISCOMFORT INTERMITTENTLY FOR SIX MONTHS.

3. EVALUATION REVEALED: A VIGOROUS, ALERT, COMPOSED MAN WITH THESE MEDICAL PROBLEMS:

(A) LEFT-SIDEDWEAKNESS (RESIDUA OF STROKE 1971) HAS IMPROVED SINCE EXAMINATION OF 12/72 WITH LESS SPACTICITY, INCREASED STRENGTH, AND A MORE CONFIDENT GAIT. RECOMMEND CONTINUED PHYSICAL THERAPY AND THE FITTING OF A NEW-TYPE FOOT BRACE WHICH IS LIGHTWEIGHT AND INCONSPICUOUS.

(B) THE PREVIOUSLY RECOGNIZED DIABETES IS ONLY MARGINALLY CONTROLLED IN PART DUE TO PATIENT AND PATIENT'S WIFE IGNORING DIETARY RESTRICTIONS. A "NEW"

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DIET WAS WELCOMED BY THE MARSHAL AND HIS DOCTORS. A

MILD ORAL AGENT FOR DIABETES MAY BE REQUIRED IN THE FUTURE.

(C) POSSIBLE SLIGHT DECREASE IN KIDNEY FUNCTION NOTED;
STUDIES TO CONFIRM WILL BE DONE IN USA LABORATORY.

(D) HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE IS WELL CONTROLLED WITH
MINIMAL MEDICATION.

(E) A NEW PROBLEM OF RIGHT LOWER ABDOMINAL DISCOMFORT
MAY BE DUE TO "SPASTIC COLITIS" BUT A MASS HAS BEEN
NOTED BY LOCAL PHYSICIANS FOR WEEKS AND IS PRESENT ON
EXAMINATION AT THIS TIME. BARIUM ENEMA X-RAY EXAMINA-
TION WILL BE DONE IN-COUNTRY AND FILMS REVIEWED AT TRIP-
LER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER. IF X-RAY EXAMINATION REVEALS
NO TUMOR, TREATMENT WITH SIMPLE MEDICATIONS (PROVIDED)
SHOULD EFFECT PROMPT RELIEF.

4. FOLLOW-UP REPORT PLANNED ON OR ABOUT 1 AUGUST.

5. PRESIDENT AND PHYSICIANS REASSURED AND PLEASED
WITH RESULTS OF EXAMINATION AND ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS
ENTHUSIASTICALLY.
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